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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT CONSULTATION WITH REVERE OFFICIALS

1. REVERE ALUMINUM COMPANY VICE PRESIDENT ALBERT MOLOWA AND ATTORNEY WILLIAM HAGERTY STOPPED BY THE EMBASSY JULY 6 TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF REVERE/OPIC PROCEEDINGS. (THE TWO ARE IN KINGSTON WORKING ON THE REVERE/GOJ COURT CASE.) MOLOWA SAID REVERE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY OPIC THAT THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY THAT AN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA AND NATIONAL SOUTHWIRE ON THE ACQUISITION OF THE REVERE ALUMINA PLANT IN JAMAICA. MOLOWA SAID THAT OPIC HAS REQUESTED THAT REVERE AGREE TO KEEP ALL NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD THIS END "OFF THE RECORD" WITH RESPECT TO THE ONGOING ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS. REVERE IS CONSIDERING THIS REQUEST.

2. MOLOWA SAID THAT OPIC WOULD ONLY BE MAKING SUCH A "HASTY" LAST DITCH EFFORT IF EITHER (1) IT HAD LOST CONFIDENCE IN THE STRENGTH OF ITS ARBITRATION CASE, OR (2) THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD PUT PRESSURE ON OPIC TO REACH AGREEMENT FOR "NATIONAL POLICY REASONS" GROWING OUT OF CLOSER US/JAMAICAN RELATIONS. HE WANTED TO ASCERTAIN THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS TO WHICH WAS THE REAL
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REASON, IMPLYING THAT IT MIGHT MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO HOW REVERE WOULD RESPOND TO THE OPIC REQUEST.

3. WE PROVIDED THE TWO REVERE OFFICIALS WITH VERY LITTLE, POINTING OUT THAT WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO THE RELATIVE STRENGTHS OF THE TWO SIDES IN THE ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS. WE DID NOTE THAT IT WOULD BE IN EVERYONE'S BEST INTEREST

THAT A WORKABLE SOLUTION TO THE REVERE PROBLEM BE FOUND AND, IN THAT SENSE, WE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT REVERE COULD ACCEDE TO OPIC'S REQUEST. WE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT MOLOWA MIGHT WANT TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WE AGREED TO CONVEY MOLOWA'S INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: REVERE IS OBVIOUSLY WRESTLING WITH THE DECISION ON HOW TO RESPOND TO OPIC'S REQUEST. IF REVERE'S AGREEMENT TO OPIC'S REQUEST IS A NECESSARY PRECONDITION TO INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTHWIRE/GOJ, WE RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS CONTACT MOLOWA AT HIS NEW YORK OFFICE ON JULY 12.

(TELEPHONE: 212-578-1510). MOLOWA DID SAY THAT REVERE WOULD BE MORE INCLINED TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO OPIC IF DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO STATE THAT "NATIONAL POLICY CONSIDERATIONS" ARE INVOLVED.

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